

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches

Hartland, MN

Sunday Morning Worship times:

West Freeborn – 9:00 a.m. Cross of Glory – 10:30 a.m.



From: Pastor Mark Hillmer

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is eclipsed by Halloween the way Christmas Day is sometimes upstaged by Christmas Eve.

Halloween means holy evening and it takes place on the evening before All Saints Day. The custom of masks developed to mock evil and perhaps confuse the evil spirits by dressing like one.

But the real hallowed day—what it is all about-- is All Saints Day, celebrated in the church for about 1300 years now.

We do right to remember the many saints who have gone on before us.

All Saints Day is not about us, it's about them.

They include the saints we have known: our parents, and their parents. They weren't perfect, but they were good, most of them.

The best thing they did for us was to bring us to church, to be baptized and to learn about Jesus.

For that we are forever grateful.

And so we remember them on All Saints Day.

We are close to them whenever we celebrate the Lord's Supper, because when we meet Jesus at his table, he brings with him the dearly departed.

We are never closer to the communion of the saints above than when we commune with our Lord.

Then we can pray for them.

Are they praying for us? They prayed for us when they were alive on earth. Now they are more alive than ever. Being in the nearer presence of the Lord they have his ear possibly more effectively than when they prayer for us when they were here with us in the body.

On All Saints Day we remember them and pray for them. That we can do.

Do they remember us and pray for us? That we can hope.

We are in the church militant, still fighting for the faith.

They are in the church triumphant.

Their battles are over. They've won!

Our battles will soon be over. We, too, will have won.

All thanks to Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1st! MOVE YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT!



Joint Council Meeting – Cross of Glory & West Freeborn – October 6, 2015

Cross of Glory President, Jerry Morstad called the meeting to order. Present were: Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Milo Madson, Jerry Morstad, Pastor Mark Hillmer, Bob Indrelie, Nancy Pederson, Sonja Honstad, Mark Broskoff, Rachel Knudson, Ronnie Bartness, Cathy Crowe, Tim Bartness, Orlen Modene and Paul Lynne.

Devotions by Pastor Hillmer. Pastor's Report – Pastor would like equipment needed to give power point presentations. Cross of Glory will check, they believe they have everything needed, including a screen to do power points. Pastor Hillmer will update the Bishop on reports from the Call Committee.

Mailings: Cindi Christenson, the church secretary was present to answer some questions about the mailer and office expenses. It was brought up that there are members who are not receiving their mailers. The list of 61 members from West will be checked and through church publications or bulletins, everyone will receive a mailer each month. Phone calls may be necessary. Cindi gave a list of normal office expenses for the church office. The Secretary's report was read by Rachel Knudson & approved.

Jerry Morstad reported on the Call Committee progress. Things are moving right along. Requested forms and questionnaires have to be filled out and sent to the Synod. The Call Committee meets once a week. Pastor suggested someone from the Call Committee get up at both services and give updates on progress.

Shared finances with Cross of Glory & West Freeborn: Jerry Morstad suggested we leave the finances the way they are for now. Some of the bills are 50-50 and some are 40-60. This will be discussed again, once the new pastor is hired. Also we need to know the membership of both churches and the contributions.

Parsonage walk thru: Bob Indrelie reported there are 3 issues.

1. Water softener was plugged, it has been cleaned and fixed. Salt ordered.
2. East side of house – water leak. Suggested removing landscaping, crumbling bricks and removing steps.
3. Garage – wood is rotting – paint is peeling. Suggested siding.

Pastor said the windows in bedroom need to be replaced. Bob Indrelie will call Matt Schmidt to get an estimate on repairs for steps and leak. Parsonage committee will check into getting other repairs done.

New Business: Orlen Modene has two more people for the Call Committee. That makes 6 from each church.

Motion made by Mark Broskoff & seconded by Cathy Crowe to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Sonja Honstad, fill in secretary.

Cross of Glory Deacons and Trustees Meeting - October 6, 2015

Jerry Morstad called the second half of the meeting to order. Matt Hoelscher, Randy Light, JoAnn Spooner, Mike Brekke, and Lyle Bird were absent.

Rachel Knudson read the secretary's report. The minutes were approved as read.

Jerry Morstad read the treasurer's report. Paul Lynne made a motion to approve the report and pay bills as money allows, along with designating the Thanksgiving offering to Good Earth Village. Tim Bartness seconded. Paul Lynne also made a motion to move some money from the general fund savings to checking to provide a cushion for paying bills monthly so JoAnn doesn't have to cut it so short every month. Cathy Crowe seconded. There was no old business.

New Business:

1. The Annual Meeting will be December 13th, the second Sunday of December as mandated by the bylaws. The Sunday School will decide which Sunday they want to hold the Christmas program.
2. November 4th is the Soup and Pie Supper. The street in front of the church is rough from the water construction and will stay that way throughout the winter. Jerry pointed out we may need to have some assistants helping people cross the street so they don't trip. We can also spray-paint the edges as the early part of the supper will be during daylight.
3. It was pointed out that we should draw up mileage forms that include some basic details: date, to and from, number of miles, reason. This will be nice to already have before the next pastor comes.
4. The next council meeting will be November 3rd, the night before the soup & pie supper.

Tim Bartness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Bartness seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rachel Knudson, Secretary

West Freeborn Lutheran Church Council Meeting – October 6, 2015

The West Freeborn Church Council met on October 6, 2015 following the joint council meeting at West Freeborn. President Orlen Modene called the meeting to order. Members present: Pat Ehrich, Mike Ehrich, Milo Madson, Mark Broskoff, Bob Indrelie, Nancy Pederson and Sonja Honstad.

The Secretary's report was read by Sonja Honstad. Motion made by Milo Madson and seconded by Mike Ehrich to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read by Pat Ehrich. Motion made by Bob Indrelie & seconded by Nancy Pederson to approve report. Motion carried.

Old Business: Mutual Renewal Church insurance representative met with Pat Ehrich. He suggested increasing our deductibles to decrease our payments. We have no claims outstanding on the insurance, according to the rep. Orlen thought there were some claims. He will check into this. Pat had the fire extinguisher checked and brought up to date. An estimate was given by Rightway Roofing to replace the non-metal roofs. The estimate for a new rubber roof on the upper part is \$10,450. And the front part, \$2000. Bob Indrelie is going to get another estimate. Robert Johnson, who does tuck-pointing will give an estimate on tuck-pointing the older section of the church. Matt Staloch will put in new door this fall. Excel from St. Paul will give a free energy audit on Oct. 15th. Pat will meet them at the church. Discussed the air conditioning bill at the parsonage of \$100 more a month from last year. Will check into it, may need to replace air conditioner.

Harvest Bazaar: November 15th – need people to work. Band will be called to confirm. Laborers of Love Group # 2 will be asked to work on bazaar. Nancy Pederson will make and sell tickets for the raffle. Will ask Orlen Modene and David Ausen to auctioneer again. Will ask Jackie Henke to handle the sale on the computer. She will need a helper.

Orlen stated that the impulse fan for the furnace is broken. Dale Christopherson will put the heat back on in the social hall.

Motion made by Bob Indrelie and seconded by Mike Ehrich to adjourn. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sonja Honstad, fill-in secretary

CHURCH WOMEN

****Rachel Circle – Tuesday, Nov. 17 – 7:00 p.m. Beth Knudson, Hostess – Pat Benson, Bible Study.**

****Eunice Circle - Wed. Nov. 18 - 1:30 p.m. at LaVaun Ausen's home.**

**** On Communion Sundays at Cross of Glory, Gluten free bread will be available. Please indicate when you commune if you would prefer Gluten free.**

Ushers for November: Cross of Glory – No one is signed up for November. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for 2015 ushers.

Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe and Wakefields

Acolytes: Sawyer VanMaldeghem

Ushers: West Freeborn – November: *Casey Madson & Les Honstad

Communion Helper: not available at print time.

Needs for Cross of Glory: New countertops & air conditioning in the kitchen. There is also an Air Conditioning fund for the sanctuary.

Coming up at Cross of Glory

Annual Soup & Dessert Supper – Wednesday, November 4th

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.



Serving 4 delicious soups: Hobo, Potato Ham, Chicken Noodle and Chili

Fresh baked bread, pie and dessert!

Adults – 7:00

Children 4 -10 yrs. - \$4.00

3 and under – free

Donations accepted for the Area Food Shelf of New Richland

**** Sunday, Nov. 1 – meet @ 8:30 a.m. to wash & cut vegetables & move tables. Please sign up to bring groceries & to work. Thanks to everyone!**

West Freeborn Quilters

Quilting Day at West Freeborn Lutheran Church is the 4th Wednesday of each month. Wed. November 25th is their next scheduled Quilting Day. They begin at 9:00 a.m. & bring sack lunches to continue through the lunch hour. Everyone welcome!

Thank You Ladies!!! ☺

West Freeborn Coffee Hour

West Freeborn social hour will be following the 9:00 a.m. service.

Coming up at West Freeborn

Annual Harvest Bazaar - Sunday, November 15th



Begin the morning with a Polka Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Harvest Bazaar and lunch.

Please bring your items for the bazaar!!

Everyone welcome!

Other Community events coming up:

- **Sat. Nov. 7 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. “Time & Talent Bazaar” at Ascension Lutheran in Albert Lea.*
- **Sat. Nov. 7 – Spaghetti Supper at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Richland, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.*
- **Thurs. Nov. 12 – 12 noon or 7:15 p.m. South Central MN Youth for Christ Fundraising Banquet at Wedgewood Cove in Albert Lea. Reservations, please call Robin at 507-402-2313.*
- **Sat. Nov.21- Oakland Lutheran Church Fundraiser - 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Entertainment by Hans the Accordion Man. Chili cook-off, raffle, silent auction & more.*

Statistics for
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	IMPROVEMENTS	MISSIONS
10-4-15	37	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
10-11-15	47	3,489.92	0.00	0.00
10-18-15	37	1,045.00	35.00	10.00
10-25-15	54	1,185.00	40.00	35.00
TOTALS		\$ 7,179.92	\$100.00	\$ 45.00

Cemetery Fund – \$ 0.00

West Freeborn Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS	BUILDING
10-4-15		\$ 1,251.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
10-11-15		381.00	0.00	40.00
10-18-15		778.00	5.00	5.00
10-25-15		522.00	0.00	20.00
TOTALS		\$ 2,932.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 165.00

2015 Budget: \$ 62,455.00

A note from Cindi: The deadline for the December mailer will be: Monday, November 23, 2015. If you have items or reports, please have them turned into the office by that date, or email them to me at: cgwf@smig.net Thank You ☺

Cross of Glory Website: www.crossofglory.weebly.com

West Freeborn Website: www.westfreebornlutheranchurch.weebly.com

Cross of Glory & West Freeborn Lutheran Churches contact information:

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Alvin & Cindy Morstad, C.G. Custodians 845-2813

Orlen Modene, West Freeborn President & Custodian 845-2832

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Cross of Glory Ushers: not available at print time Communion Servers: Cathy Crowe (1 st Sunday) Wakefields (4 th Sunday) Acolytes: Sawyer VanMaldeghem		West Freeborn Ushers: *Casey Madson, Les Honstad Communion Server: not available at print time				
1 All Saints Sunday 9:00 a.m. – Worship at WF 10:30 a.m. Worship at CG SS @ CG 9:00 a.m.	2 Staff meeting 9:00 a.m. Text study 10:00 a.m.	3 Bible Study @ WF – 6:00 p.m. Joint Council meeting @ CG 7:00 p.m.	4 Soup & Dessert Supper @ CG 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. No Confirmation	5	6	7
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